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THIRD STATUS INQUIRY

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Sir:

On March 16, 2006, Applicant filed a Response to Office Action in the above-referenced application. A check of the PAIR System of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office thereafter indicated the status of this application as "Allowance Counted" with a Status Date of "04-17-2006".

On August 15, 2006, Applicant electronically filed a Status Inquiry (see IFW at 08-15-2006) requesting the status of the above-referenced patent application and when Applicant may expect to receive a Notice of Allowance, as indicated on PAIR. On December 7, 2006, Applicant electronically filed a Second Status Inquiry (see IFW at 12-07-2006). A telephone call was placed to the Examiner on January 24, 2007, where the undersigned left a voice message for

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the Examiner requesting status of the application. The Examiner subsequently advised the undersigned that this application was undergoing a second level of review. To date, no further correspondence from the Office with regard to this application has been received, however, the "Allowance Counted" status was deleted from PAIR, and replaced with the earlier status of "Response to Non-Final Office Action Entered and Forwarded to Examiner," with a status date of 03-29-2006.

Applicant respectfully requests the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to provide Applicant with the current status of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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